

# Park Ranger Programs

Discover Grand Canyon with free programs given by park rangers and volunteers in or near the Village. For Desert View programs, see page 8. Since parking is limited, park rangers recommend you ride the free shuttle bus to program locations. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Outdoor programs may be cancelled or moved inside during inclement weather or when lightning danger is present. Times are mountain standard, which is the same as Pacific time through October 31. Check at visitor centers and hotels for additional program offerings.

| Time                                      | Program  | Meeting Location                     | Duration/Distance  | Su | M | Tu | W | Th | F | S |
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| 7 am                                      | <b>Into the Canyon Hike</b> Discover the canyon's beauty and natural history while descending 1,120 ft (340 m) on an unpaved trail. Strenuous hike; not recommended for people with heart or respiratory problems or difficulty walking. Bring water, snacks, sunscreen, and wear sturdy hiking shoes. | South Kaibab Trailhead               | 3–4 hours<br>3 miles (4.8 km)                              | √  |   | √  |   | √  |   | √ |
| 8:30 am                                   | <b>Rim View Walk</b> Travel the paved Rim Trail and learn about natural history and some of the critical issues facing Grand Canyon. To return, you may choose to hike back, continue on to Hermits Rest, or ride the shuttle bus.   | Bright Angel Trailhead sign          | 2 hours<br>2 miles (3.2 km)                                |    | √ |    | √ |    | √ |   |
| 9:30 am                                   | <b>Science in the Park: Life of an Oak</b> Experience hands-on current research and become a citizen scientist in your community.  | Grand Canyon Visitor Center flagpole | 60 minutes   |    | √ |    |   | √  |   |   |
| 9:30 am                                   | <b>Fossil Discovery Walk</b> This easy walk explores what fossils tell us about the geologic story of ancient life and why they should be protected.   | Bright Angel Trailhead sign          | 60 minutes<br>0.2 miles (300 m)                            | √  | √ | √  | √ | √  | √ | √ |
| 10:30 am                                  | <b>Canyon in Focus</b> For centuries explorers, scientists, and artists have captured the majesty of Grand Canyon through art or writing. Hike along a less-traveled trail and find your inspiration. Journals provided.   | South Kaibab Trailhead               | 60 minutes<br>1 mile (1.6 km)                              | √  |   | √  | √ |    | √ | √ |
| 1 pm                                      | <b>A Walk Through History</b> Hear stories of people's enduring relationship with Grand Canyon and take a short walk around the village historic district. Perfect for train passengers. Accessible.   | Verkamp's Visitor Center flagpole    | 45 minutes<br>0.3 miles (500 m)                            | √  | √ | √  | √ | √  | √ | √ |
| 2 pm and 3:30 pm                          | <b>Geology Glimpse</b> Gain a quick insight into Grand Canyon's unique geologic story. Following the talk, consider walking the Trail of Time or exploring Yavapai Geology Museum. Accessible.   | Yavapai Geology Museum               | 30 minutes   | √  | √ | √  | √ | √  | √ | √ |
| 4 pm                                      | <b>Condor Talk</b> Learn about the majestic and endangered California condor, its reintroduction to northern Arizona, and its ongoing struggle for survival. Accessible.   | Village Amphitheater                 | 45 minutes   | √  | √ | √  | √ | √  | √ | √ |
| Stop by anytime between 6 pm and 8 pm     | <b>Ranger on the Rim</b> Drop by and visit with a park ranger for sunset. Accessible.  | Hopi Point                           | Varies, stop by for as short or as long as you would like. | √  | √ | √  | √ | √  | √ | √ |
| 8:30 pm, May to July<br>8 pm, Aug to Sept | <b>Evening Program</b> Relax beneath the stars and enjoy a presentation about the park's fascinating natural or cultural history. Check visitor centers for topics. Accessible with assistance. <i>No program June 13–20; join Star Party.</i>   | McKee Amphitheater                   | 45 minutes   |    | √ |    | √ |    |   | √ |
| Evening; check visitor centers for time   | <b>Ranger Rendezvous</b> Discover Grand Canyon in the evening! Explore some of the park's lesser-known stories and facts. Programs include star talks, night hikes to the rim, cemetery tours, and more. Dress warmly.   | Check visitor centers                | 45–60 minutes  | √  |   | √  |   | √  |   |   |

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| No program June 13–20; join Star Party. |   |                    |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |
| Evening; check visitor centers for time | <b>Science in the Park: Night Skies</b> Experience hands-on current research and become a citizen scientist in your community. <i>No program June 13–20; join Star Party.</i> | McKee Amphitheater | 60 minutes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | √ |  |

# Junior Ranger Programs

| Time    | Programs for Families with Children Ages 6–14   | Meeting Location                     | Duration/Distance                                    | Su | M | Tu | W | Th | F | Sa |
|---------|---|--------------------------------------|--|----|---|----|---|----|---|----|
| 9 am    | <b>Family Adventure Hike</b> Hike the challenging Hermit Trail and learn about rocks, fossils, plants, and animals. Bring water, salty snacks, sunscreen, and wear sturdy hiking shoes. To arrive on time, board the free Hermits Rest Route shuttle bus by 7:30 am. Steep, rocky, strenuous hike not recommended for people with heart or respiratory problems, difficulty walking, or an extreme fear of heights. | Hermits Rest bell                    | 2 hours<br>June 14 to Aug 8<br>2 miles (3.2 km)      | √  |   | √  |   | √  |   | √  |
| 9 am    | <b>Discovery Pack</b> Borrow a discovery pack and explore Grand Canyon with your family. The pack contains naturalist tools and plant and animal field guides to help you on your adventure. Parents check out the packs in the morning and must return them between 3:30 and 5 pm at Verkamp's Visitor Center. Accessible.   | Outside Verkamp's Visitor Center     | 60 minutes<br>June 14 to Aug 8                       | √  | √ | √  | √ | √  | √ | √  |
| 10 am   | <b>Walk on the Wild Side</b> Explore the canyon's natural world during this walk through the forest to the canyon rim. Rocky surfaces and uneven terrain; sturdy shoes advised.   | Shrine of the Ages wooden benches    | 60 minutes<br>June 14 to Sept 7<br>0.5 mile (0.8 km) | √  | √ | √  | √ | √  | √ | √  |
| 2 pm    | <b>Natural Wonders</b> Discover what makes Grand Canyon one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Accessible.  | El Tovar Hotel rim patio             | 30 minutes<br>June 14 to Sept 7                      | √  | √ | √  | √ | √  | √ | √  |
| 4:30 pm | <b>Kids Rock!</b> Enjoy games and activities introducing children to the natural and historic wonders of Grand Canyon.  | Shrine of the Ages wooden benches    | 60 minutes<br>June 14 to Sept 7                      | √  | √ | √  | √ | √  | √ | √  |
| 5 pm    | <b>Critter Chat</b> Learn about Grand Canyon's diverse wild inhabitants. Accessible.  | Grand Canyon Visitor Center flagpole | 30 minutes<br>June 14 to Aug 8                       | √  | √ | √  | √ | √  | √ | √  |
| 7:30 pm | <b>Twilight Zone</b> Experience the night with activities connecting children to the canyon's nocturnal world. Rocky surfaces and uneven terrain; sturdy walking shoes advised. Bring a flashlight.   | Shrine of the Ages wooden benches    | 60–90 minutes<br>June 14 to Aug 8                    |    | √ |    | √ |    | √ |    |

## Park Ranger Programs Down in Grand Canyon

Are you hiking to Phantom Ranch or Indian Garden? If so, discover fascinating aspects of the inner canyon with a wide range of natural and cultural history programs. *These programs are only accessible by a long, strenuous hike or mule ride.*

### Indian Garden, times vary, Saturday to Tuesday

Check the bulletin board for program topics, locations, and times. Wilderness Explorer Junior Ranger booklet available. Accessible only by hiking 4.5 miles (7.2 km) down Bright Angel Trail.

### Phantom Ranch, 4 pm and 7:30 pm, Daily

Check bulletin boards for program locations and topics. Phantom Ranch Junior Ranger activity booklet available. Accessible only by hiking or a mule ride to the bottom of Grand Canyon.